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FROM EUROPE.

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Special to the Courier des Etats-Unis.

PARIS, Aug. 25.—I will be brief. I cannot speak of the movements of MacMahon, upon whom rests to-day all hope for the country. Silence is both my security and duty, but I can say that I share these hopes, and that I believe that the conquered of Worth will gain a brilliant revenge. A great battle is imminent, not because we seek to deliver it, but because the enemy is in a condition which makes it absolutely necessary for his success to move with rapidity. Delays will turn against him. Prussia's Victory Must Be Immediate if at all. Von Moltke knows that Germany, with its system of recruiting, must conquer promptly, or will be the real victim of the campaign. Fifteen days of inaction on his part will give time to form two new armies and to reinforce those which to-day resist invasion. There is then necessarily an immediate prospect of a serious conflict.

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There is some talk of peace at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but consider it for certain that, except under a crushing defeat, we will hear nothing of it so long as a Prussian soldier remains on the soil of France. D'Avignon has said this, and the entire press unanimously approves it.

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ARTILLERY BATTLE AT KEHL AND STRASBURG ON Wednesday night, lasting until Thursday morning at 5 o'clock. A large part of the citadel and arsenal in Strasbourg are destroyed. Many fires have occurred in that city on account of the vigorous bombardment. A French battery located at Marvion was captured without loss to the Prussians. The French fire has destroyed about twenty houses in Kehl.

French Errors Rectified.

BREITENBURG, Aug. 26.—The French stories that the Prussians were checked yesterday between Chalons and Verdun are false.

Restoring of a Reign of Terror.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Evening.—General Trochu, Governor of Paris, has decreed that all individuals devoid of means of subsistence, and whose presence contributes to the danger of public order and to the security of person or property, or whose acts tend to impede the measures of the authorities for defense and general safety, are to be expelled from Paris. All infractions of the above order must be defended before military tribunals.

Results of Trochu's Order.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Many arrests were made last night. Over twelve hundred were occasioned by the order of General Trochu. Two hundred were persons arrested in the Faubourg Montmartre.

Prince Napoleon's Mission a Failure.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—11 A. M.—The London Times this morning contains a despatch from Florence stating that Prince Napoleon's demand for assistance was declined by Italy. A special Paris despatch says:—There are rumors of fighting, but nothing authentic.

MacMahon

will undoubtedly be in battle to-day, and there are fears he will be defeated.

Official circles are very silent, more so than at any former time this week.

Restless!

The enemy march slowly but surely on the city. This is undeniable.

French Reports Exploded.—The Crown Prince still advances.

[Messrs. D. C. Wharton Smith & Co., of this city (Philadelphia) have received the following special despatch.]

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Despatches down to 5 o'clock A. M. explode the French reports that the Prussians were caught in a trap at Metz. The Crown Prince is still advancing. MacMahon's movements are known to the Prussians, but they are regarded as of little consequence.

Consols opened at 91 3/4 @ 91 1/2; United States bonds of 1862, 88 1/2 @ 88 1/4.

This Morning's Quotations.

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EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE.

A Furious and Destructive Fire in Malden Lane

Five Persons Injured.

Shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a terrific explosion occurred in the basement of the five-story brick building, Nos. 12 and 13 Malden lane, occupied by John W. Wheelock, dealer in gasoline, and kerosene oil. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained, but as the cellar was filled with a large quantity of gasoline in barrels, it is supposed that the explosion was caused by the ignition, from some unknown cause, of the fumes of the gasoline. The explosion was of great force, and

Blew out the doors

of the cellar and the windows in the store. Mr. Wheelock, who was sitting in the store with some gentlemen when the explosion occurred, was blown out into the street and severely injured. James McShea, a porter at Wheelock's, was also blown out into the street and severely injured. George Chapin, a clerk in his employ, was also blown out of the building and badly injured. Mr. Wheelock, after being taken to the street, returned and entered the store to rescue his books and papers, and was

Terribly Burned

about the face and body. He was taken charge of by some friends, the police not having arrived, and removed to his residence, No. 131 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn. His injuries are of a very severe and dangerous character. One of his legs was moved to the Second Precinct Police Station, and placed in the Park Hospital. His injuries are of a terrible nature, and it is feared that fatal consequences may ensue.

The Gasoline in Fire.

In the meantime, the barrels of gasoline in the cellar had taken fire, and were burning furiously, the flames pouring forth in dense volumes from the cellar door and the grating in front. The Fire Department were promptly on hand, but their efforts were unavailing to check the flames. Finally the flames would communicate with the adjoining buildings, which are filled with a large stock of oil, etc. Chief Engineer Porter ordered

A Second Alarm

to be sounded, which brought to his aid a strong reinforcement of firemen and steamers. The firemen succeeded in containing the flames to the cellar in which they had originated. Saturday morning, August 27, the last boat leaving Walnut street wharf at 7:30 A. M. This excursion will be by rail over the Camden and Amboy and other railroads, and a variation of former programmes will be made which will allow all to remain eight hours at Long Branch. Here there will be much sight-seeing to do on that day, and it will not be unlikely that the greater part of the excursionists will prefer to stop over at this point rather than cross to New York Bay as before.

The Sea of Trolling

The sea of trolling will take place on that day, and the grand review and dress parade of Fisk's celebrated 9th Regiment, now encamped at the branch, can be witnessed. Their encampment, also, will be inspected by all who are interested in such matters. The number of tickets to the excursion has positively been limited, so as to avoid all danger of an overcrowded train, as on a former occasion. Tickets cannot be bought on the morning of the excursion, nor will any one be allowed upon the train without a ticket. The fare for the entire excursion is only \$2.50, which certainly is not a large sum, considering what is furnished for the money.

Mysterious

—About 3 o'clock this morning, whilst Officers Shern, of the Fifth, and Harrigan, of the Sixth districts, were standing at Eighth and Chestnut streets, they heard a crash which sounded as though it came from an alley near Sanson street. Proceeding to the place, they entered, when Officer Shern climbed a fence to take a survey of a yard. No sooner had he done so than a pistol bullet whizzed past his head. Of course he was not hurt, but a further examination was made, when it was found that some thieves had broken open the cellar-door of a house No. 24 Sanson street, and had passed through the yard with the stolen goods, and some one of the stores on Chestnut street, above Eighth. They managed to escape.

Wholesale Grocery Store Robbed.

—At an early hour this morning the wholesale grocery establishment of Messrs. Thornton and Barnes, 224 North Delaware Avenue, was entered by thieves who robbed two bags of Java coffee, ten chests of tea and sundry other articles, the total value of which is not known. How the thieves gained an entrance is yet a mystery. To remove the goods it is supposed a wagon was used.

School of Design for Women.

—At a meeting of the Directors of the above institution held yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, W. P. Willatch; Vice-President, William J. Horstmann; Treasurer, James S. Claghorn, and Secretary, J. P. Morris.

Recklessness

—Phillip Gallen was yesterday arrested at Front and Callowhill streets for reckless driving, he having run the pole of his wagon into the front of a store, causing considerable damage. Alderman Cahill held him in \$500 bail to answer.

Sudden Death

—Officer McQuade, of the First district, yesterday found an unknown man lying on the pavement on Birch street, west of Fifteenth. The sufferer, who said he was sick with a chill, was removed to the station house, where he soon after died.

Slight Fire

—About 8 o'clock last evening Officer King, of the Fourth district, force, disabled a fire engine on the corner of Filbert street, above Sixth. With the aid of some citizens it was extinguished without any alarm being sounded.

The Result of Anger

—About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a man named William Duckett was severely cut about the head with a bar of iron, by a new boy, whom he had been tantalizing. He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

S. P. C. A.

—Alderman Alexander this morning fined one John Zimmerman for cruelly laboring two over-loaded mules. The arrest was made at the Wire Bridge, by Captain Chastean, of the Park Guard.

Beating a Policeman

—Alderman Jones has held in \$500 bail one James Starr on the charge of committing an assault and battery upon Officer May, of the Sixth district, at Twelfth and Filbert streets yesterday.

Fatal Result

—William O'Rourke, who was run over by car No. 33 of the Union line, at Ninth and Marriott streets, a few days since, died yesterday at the hospital.

Messrs. De Haven & Brother

No. 40 S. Third street, Philadelphia, report the following quotations:—U. S. 5-20 of 1862, 87 1/4; of 1863, 86 1/2; of 1864, 85 1/2; of 1865, 84 1/2; of 1866, 83 1/2; of 1867, 82 1/2; of 1868, 81 1/2; of 1869, 80 1/2; of 1870, 79 1/2; of 1871, 78 1/2; of 1872, 77 1/2; of 1873, 76 1/2; of 1874, 75 1/2; of 1875, 74 1/2; of 1876, 73 1/2; of 1877, 72 1/2; of 1878, 71 1/2; of 1879, 70 1/2; of 1880, 69 1/2; of 1881, 68 1/2; of 1882, 67 1/2; of 1883, 66 1/2; of 1884, 65 1/2; of 1885, 64 1/2; of 1886, 63 1/2; of 1887, 62 1/2; of 1888, 61 1/2; of 1889, 60 1/2; of 1890, 59 1/2; of 1891, 58 1/2; of 1892, 57 1/2; of 1893, 56 1/2; of 1894, 55 1/2; of 1895, 54 1/2; of 1896, 53 1/2; of 1897, 52 1/2; of 1898, 51 1/2; of 1899, 50 1/2; of 1900, 49 1/2; of 1901, 48 1/2; of 1902, 47 1/2; of 1903, 46 1/2; of 1904, 45 1/2; of 1905, 44 1/2; of 1906, 43 1/2; of 1907, 42 1/2; of 1908, 41 1/2; of 1909, 40 1/2; of 1910, 39 1/2; of 1911, 38 1/2; of 1912, 37 1/2; of 1913, 36 1/2; of 1914, 35 1/2; of 1915, 34 1/2; of 1916, 33 1/2; of 1917, 32 1/2; of 1918, 31 1/2; of 1919, 30 1/2; of 1920, 29 1/2; of 1921, 28 1/2; of 1922, 27 1/2; of 1923, 26 1/2; of 1924, 25 1/2; of 1925, 24 1/2; of 1926, 23 1/2; of 1927, 22 1/2; of 1928, 21 1/2; of 1929, 20 1/2; of 1930, 19 1/2; of 1931, 18 1/2; of 1932, 17 1/2; of 1933, 16 1/2; of 1934, 15 1/2; of 1935, 14 1/2; of 1936, 13 1/2; of 1937, 12 1/2; of 1938, 11 1/2; of 1939, 10 1/2; of 1940, 9 1/2; of 1941, 8 1/2; of 1942, 7 1/2; of 1943, 6 1/2; of 1944, 5 1/2; of 1945, 4 1/2; of 1946, 3 1/2; of 1947, 2 1/2; of 1948, 1 1/2; of 1949, 1/2; of 1950, 0 1/2.

Philadelphia Trade Report.

FRIDAY, Aug. 26.—Bark in the absence of sales was quiet. Flour market is quiet but steady at yesterday's quotations. There is very little demand for shipment, and operations of the home consumers are confined to their immediate wants. About 700 barrels changed hands, including superfine at \$5.25; extras at \$5.75; low, Wisconsin, and Minnesota extra at \$4.75; and disasters by lightness are reported. At Kingston five persons were killed by one stroke. Reports of fires caused by lightning are coming in from all quarters.

The Demand for Wheat

has fallen off, but prices remain without change. Sales of new Western red at \$1.41; 10,000 bushels do. do. on secret terms; new Delaware do. at \$1.36; and white at \$1.40; 145. Rye may be quoted at 90c. for new Western, corn in limited request, and prices favor buyers. Sales of 2,000 bushels at \$4.95; yellow, and 500 2c. for low and high Western mixed. Oats are unchanged. Sales of old Pennsylvania at \$2.65; 2c. changed. Sales of old Pennsylvania at \$2.65; 2c. for bright, and 40c. for black. Whisky is dull at 95c. for Western prou-bred,

FROM NEW YORK.

Terrific Storm Along the Hudson—Loss of Life.

MONTROSE, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A terrible storm of thunder and lightning prevailed along the Hudson river last night. A great disaster by lightning are reported. At Kingston five persons were killed by one stroke. Reports of fires caused by lightning are coming in from all quarters.

FROM THE WEST.

Cheyenne Republican Convention.

CREYENNE, Aug. 26.—The Republican Territorial Convention at Laramie City yesterday nominated Judge William T. Jones for delegate to Congress, Mr. Church Howe withdrawing before the ballot.

LATEST SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

For additional Marine News see Inside Page.

(By Telegraph.)

HAVANA, Aug. 26.—The Steamship City of Merida, from New York, arrived to-day.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA.

STATE OF THERMOMETER AT THE EVENING TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

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CLEARED THIS MORNING.

ST. TACOY, Nichols, New York, W. M. Baird & Co. Nor. bark La Bella, Christianson, Cork for orders, L. Westergaard & Co.

Schr. A. D. Huddell, Long, Boston, do. Schr. Eugene, Hawes, Provincetown, do. Schr. Hannah Sophia, Leaf, Norfolk, do. Schr. J. C. Thompson, Vansant, Cambridgeport, Day, Huddell & Co.

Schr. S. Williams, Hildreth, Boston, do. Schr. J. G. Fisher, Henderson, Charlestown, do. Schr. A. G. Ireland, Townsend, Washington, do. Schr. Admiral, Steelman, Salem, do. Schr. L. E. M. Knowles, Knowles, Salem, do. Schr. Abbie Pittman, Lombard, Boston, do. Schr. Sarah Braen, Fisher, Wilmington, N. C., do.

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ARRIVED THIS MORNING.

Steamer L. L. Gaw, tier, 13 hours from Baltimore, with mde. and passengers to A. Groves, Jr. Steamer Independence, Whitsett, 50 hours from Salem, in ballast to J. S. Hillis.

Steamer General P. B. Sheridan, Craig, fm Hunterdon, with mde. to Paterson & Lippincott. Br. bark Thomas, Swendsen, 13 days fm Havana, with sugar to C. C. M. O'Callaghan—vessel to Warren & C. C.

Br. bark Gipsy, Cremona, 5 days from Boston, in ballast to Darrah & Elwell.

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